

Group I - Claims 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6

Group II - Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7

Group III - Claims 8 and 9 -

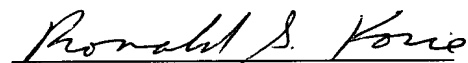
Group IV - Claims 8 and 10

The applicant, without prejudice, elects to proceed in the present case with group II namely with claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7.

Favourable consideration of the present application in light of the foregoing remarks is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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